

## Allied Landfill – Media Availability Talking Points

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### EPA Perspective on this collaboration

- EPA seeks opportunities to work with local communities, so we were eager to accept invitation from MDEQ and city of Kalamazoo.
- This is an opportunity to develop an additional cleanup approach to be considered for selection that is different from what is currently in the FS. EPA has not yet proposed a cleanup plan or made a final cleanup decision for the site.
- EPA values redevelopment and reuse of Superfund sites.
- A redevelopment cleanup option that includes city stewardship is not currently in the FS. Such a cleanup option could result in greater long-term effectiveness and permanence than current consolidation and capping cleanup options.

### Procedural

#### Amending the Feasibility Study:

- Uncommon but not unprecedented.
- EPA plans to amend the FS with a memo after more public input (availability sessions).
- EPA will add a redevelopment cleanup option. EPA will not eliminate for consideration any other cleanup options currently in the FS.

#### Availability Sessions:

- EPA-lead with a purpose of getting public input on which new cleanup to add to the FS. This will not be the Proposed Plan meeting.
- EPA will show in greater detail all the potential redevelopment configurations.
- First availability session as early as April with next one 4-6 weeks later.
- Similar format to last availability sessions.

Proposed Plan will be released for public comment after the FS is amended.

### Money/Ownership:

- EPA remedy selection is not dependent on available funds.
- EPA does have a bit less than \$50M in a special account for Allied Landfill from a bankruptcy settlement with Lyondell, the former owner of the property.
- If enforcement options for cleaning up the site are not successful and EPA has to seek additional federal dollars to fund the cleanup, there are other sites in need of money that pose greater risks.
- This site is a priority for us.

### Groundwater Study

- City of Kalamazoo and MDEQ asked EPA to collect new groundwater samples.
- EPA collected new groundwater samples in 2014 for the purpose of evaluating locations of future monitoring wells if EPA were to select a waste-in-place alternative.
- EPA worked with MDEQ and the city of Kalamazoo in developing the plan.
  - Resampled many of the existing groundwater wells
  - Installed four new deep wells
- If a future remedy requires a long-term monitoring network, EPA will work with the city again in the development of that network.

- Recent groundwater results support the finding that groundwater at Allied Landfill flows east towards Portage Creek and not northwest towards the city of Kalamazoo's Central Well Field.